GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION FOR SCS/ STS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provision of reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Constitution of India has made only for ten years;

(b) if so, the number of times the provision of reservation has been extended by making amendments in the Constitution so far;

(c) whether the benefits of reservation have been availed by one caste in particular and it has achieved parity with the forward castes;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to make provision to ensure that the benefits of reservation are actually availed by other backward castes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (e) Initially, the Constitution provided reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the House of People (Lok Sabha) and State Legislative Assemblies for a period of ten years. This period has been extended upto 2010 by making amendments five times to Article 334 of the Constitution. No specific data is available to show that the benefits of reservation have been availed by any one particular caste.